

Amendment
U.S. Appl. No.: **10/596,775**
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REMARKS

As a preliminary, Applicant and Applicant's representative thank the Examiner for the telephone interviews of July 16 and 20, 2009. As discussed at the interviews, present claim 17 is not considered indefinite but claims 18-22 were not intended to have been rejoined.

By the present amendment, claims 18-22 have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer.

Claims 1-17 and 23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10, and 17 are the only independent claims.

I. Indefiniteness rejection of claim 17

In the Office Action, claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Pursuant to the telephone interview, claim 17 is not considered indefinite. See MPEP 2173.05(f) and 2173.05(p). Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection is moot.

II. Withdrawn claims 18-22

At the interview, it was asserted that claims 18-22 should not have been rejoined.

Claims 18-22 have been canceled. Accordingly, it is submitted that the issue is moot.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

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In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 502759.

Respectfully submitted,

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